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1. Factories: The ore-processing plant at Kerdzhali is under the direction of the Russian engineer Mustakov. He is assisted by Russian technical and administrative personnel. The metal is sent to Russia. The factory is guarded by militia and protected by two anti-aircraft guns.
2. At about 2.5 kilometers outside of Plovdiv, on the road to Kuklon village, a large factory of automobile motors is under construction. A section of it is finished and in operation. Machinery is of Soviet and Czech origin. Production is managed by the Bulgarian engineer Semertzhev. About 300 workmen are employed at present. Towards the end of July 1950, the plant was in need of 22 technicians, but they could not be found.
3. Opposite the automobile motor factory in Plovdiv a shoe factory has recently been built. It is called the robeda (Victory) Factory. In July 1950, when 400 workers were employed, one thousand pairs of shoes were manufactured for Russia.
4. Two old factories near the Plovdiv railroad station, which until recently made stoves and accessories, have been converted to the production of lathes, drills and similar tools.
5. Another factory for repairing tractors and other agricultural machines was built northwest of the Plovdiv railroad station in 1948. About 500 workers are employed there. Chief foreman is 50X1-HUM
Elias Dimitriades, and the director is a Russian, called Gcmov, who is the chairman of the Russian Association in Bulgaria.
6. Dams: Ten kilometers west of Devin, the Vassili Kolarov dam has been constructed to provide electric current for the Plovdiv area. The generating station is near the village of Krichim.
7. Six kilometers west of Kazanlik, on the Tundzha river, the Georgi Dimitrov dam is under construction. It will provide power for the generating station at Stara Zagora.
8. A dam is being built near Ihtiman on the Topolnitsa river.

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